35 Hurt

Agony, Panic In Fire

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—A rock 'n' roll dance turned into a panic Friday night when an oil stove was knocked over during a scuffle, setting the dance hall ablaze.

Thirty-five dancers, 10 of them girls, were burned, three critically.

Witnesses said that some of the panic-stricken dancers were turned into human torches. People were seen writhing in agony outside the blazing one-storey frame building.

Vern Jackson, 29, of Toronto, said that when the stove was toppled by two men, there was a small blaze and nobody paid much attention to it.

"Then the oil spread and it really began to go. Everybody rushed to the door."

Fire Chief V.C. Brighton said the trouble was that the teen-agers remained to watch the fight instead of clearing the hall when the fire first started.

As the fire spread, hysteria gripped the dancers, who jammed the exits and had to dive through windows. The fire became so hot that some were burned without being touched by the flames.

One man was seen rushing out with his hair aflame.

Robin Murphy, 16, said the flames seemed to get worse as he neared the door. "People were crying and moaning with the clothing burning right on their backs."

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Two Die In Inferno

MONTREAL (CP)—A searing inferno tore through a 56-unit apartment block in north-east Montreal early yesterday, killing two persons, injuring 11 and sending more than 100 panic-stricken tenants fleeing into the street in their night-clothes.

Three of the injured were hurt in frenzied leaps from the upper floors of the three-storey brick building as sheets of flame licked at their backs.

Francois Ladouceur, a nearby resident, and two hospital internes groped their way through dense smoke from door to door to rouse the tenants and assist them to the street.

One woman climbed a window ledge and hung from the sill with her hands, afraid to drop. Someone inside pushed her hands to release her grip and she fell, landing unhurt.

Workers Shot, Police Arrested

GOIANA, Brazil (UPI) — Twenty-seven Brazilian policemen have been arrested for the machine-gunning of a workers' barracks near here in which nine men were reported to have been killed.

Reports said the police fired on the workers after they protested against a shortage of water at a construction project.

Old and New Combine in Gracious Landmark

Something old and something new — old stone portico from fire-razed Government House and spanking new edifice. Together, they make up the entrance of one of the world's finest vice-regal residences. Victoria will have another gracious landmark at formal opening of the new Government House about March 31.—(Colonist photo.)

LIEUT. FRED BERRY

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Courteous Driver

Safety His Work

Strict observance of hand signals won the nomination for Greater Victoria's latest courtesy driver—a teacher of safe driving.

He is Lieut. Fred L. Berry, 219 Anson Crescent. For the past year his job as transport officer for 1st Battalion PPCLI at Work Point Barracks has included putting army drivers through tests on all phases of road safety.

"The army teaches its drivers that safety and strict observance of traffic regulations pays off," he said.

So do the police of Greater Victoria, which is why they sponsor this campaign to promote safety through courtesy on the highway. Winners receive two free tickets to a home game of the Victoria Cougars and later get a certificate signed by the chief of police.

Co-operating with the police in the campaign are Woodward Stores (Victoria) Ltd., Frigidaire Ltd., the Victoria Hockey Club and The Daily Colonist.

Sisters Bought Stocks in 1912, Shunned Wealth

Spinsters Lived in Poverty, Left $1,000,000 to Charity

LACOLLE, Que. (CP)—This town of 1,500 has learned that two spinster sisters who lived out their span here in apparent genteel poverty left a fortune of more than $1,000,000 to charity.

Martha Phoebe Moore died Feb. 24, 1957, at 87. She left an estate of about $825,000. Her sister Anna died 20 years earlier, leaving $250,000.

Distribution of Martha Moore's estate was carried out quietly by the Montreal stockbroking firm of C. J. Hodgson, and Company, and the story of her wealth was not made known until Friday.

Their father, Ralph Moore, left the sisters a farm that sold for about $10,000 in the early 1900s. They bought stocks and placed their account with the stockbroking firm in 1912.

Mrs. Harry Van Vliet, a childhood friend of the Moore sisters, said Martha "was sort of eccentric. She lived in another age. She always acted as if she were so poor . . . it was almost pathetic the way she lived."

Said Nelson D. Van Vliet, Martha Moore's grocer:

"She would complain bitterly if the price of an article went up five cents. She'd demand an explanation. She bought only essentials like bread, butter and eggs.

"She was a good old soul but a little peculiar."

Miss Moore resisted electricity for years, finally had it installed in her modest home a few years before a broken hip and loss of sight made housekeeping impossible. She wore only old fashioned dresses, patched and repatched.

Fascist Mice Stop the Show

ROME (UPI)—Young neo-fascists last night broke up the performance of an anti-Mussolini play for the second time in a week by parachuting live mice down on the audience.

Women in the audience were the first to notice that mice in parachutes were interspersed among a shower of leaflets dropped at the end of the first act. An uproar brought a score of armed riot police into the theatre.

Police grabbed several of the mice in air by scrambling through the audience and seizing the tiny white red and green parachutes in the colors of the Italian flag.

Ushers, on their hands and knees, rounded up several more after a difficult chase under the seats on which women were standing and shrieking.

The neo-fascists waited until the lights came on after the first act of "Romagnola" to drop the mice.

Extra police have been stationed outside Rome's Central Valle Theatre since last week when the youths hurled rotten eggs and fruit at actors on the stage during the packed house premiere of the play.

"Romagnola" is a play sung and chanted in verse in which the Fascist regime of dictator Benito Mussolini is ridiculed.

Farmers May Win Third of Demands

By TOM GREEN
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OTTAWA—The "march" by plane and train of prairie farmers on Ottawa to demand deficiency payments on mand deficiency payments on wheat is likely to meet some success.

Some 600 westerners — mostly farmers but reinforced by businessmen, teachers and clergy—will arrive here March 9 to meet the federal cabinet to ask for financial assistance.

The farmers are asking for $300,000,000. They are likely to get less than a third of this sum.

More than $100,000 has been raised to finance the 600 "marchers" bearing petitions signed by 200,000.

The farmers are asking 22 cents a bushel for wheat, four cents for oats and 14 cents for barley, for each bushel they delivered in 1955-56; 30 cents on wheat, 15 cents on oats and 19 cents on barley for the 1956-57 crop, with a further payment for the 1957-58 deliveries.

They suggest a maximum subsidy of $1,500 to any one farmer.

Young Sidney Quintet

Hams 'Hook Up' To Talk to World

Sidney has five new amateur radio operators, result of an idea conceived more than a year ago by William Harker, department of transport radio technician at Patricia Bay Airport.

Believing that amateur radio would prove a fine outlet for young people of the district, Harker, in September, 1957, undertook to start a free course of instruction for anyone who was interested. He was joined by Emil Nielson, at that time employed at the airport by Fairey Aviation Co. of Canada.

First to pass the department of transport examination and be granted a ham's licence was 15-year-old Robert Seymour, John Road, VE7ANG.

Next to pass the examination were Richard Beal, Seventh St., VE7ALT, and Douglas Alexander, Fifth St., VE7AJV, and Melvin Dear, 15, Queens Ave., VE 7AHI, all 15-year-olds.

Last of the quintet admitted to the circle was Roland Shanks, 17, Beacon Ave., VE 7AHU.

PTA Activities

Belmont Group Censures Pupils for Road Manners

Students who fail to co-operate with motorists in the area were censured at a meeting recently of Belmont High School PTA.

It was noted that "on many occasions" the signals by drivers are not observed and that the students would not move to the side of the road to allow cars to pass.

The meeting decided to allow the boys' basketball team to buy T-shirts. The annual bazaar will be held April 24 in the school.

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School orchestra and Grade 9 choir will give a short concert at the Central Junior High PTA meeting Tuesday, starting at 8 p.m. A teacher will also speak about Grade 9 social studies.

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During the Cloverdale PTA meeting Monday the film "The Land of the Long Day" will be shown. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. in the school.

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A United Nations' model assembly by school students will be staged Monday at the Royal Oak PTA meeting starting at 8 p.m.

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Plans are being made for a member of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory to speak at the meeting Monday of Lansdowne PTA. The business meeting starts at 8 p.m. in the library.

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Crests will be presented to the school's city championship soccer team at the Monterey PTA meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. Program includes talks on civil defence and family and child welfare.

As a part of Education Week, March 1 to 7, the PTA will sponsor a tea March 4 in the auditorium starting at 3.15 p.m.

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A film on child development will be shown Tuesday after the Victoria West PTA business meeting, at 8 p.m. in the school, by Harvey P. Mickelson, School District 61 mental hygiene supervisor.

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A member of the welfare department will speak at a meeting of McKenzie Avenue PTA, Monday at 8 p.m.

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A film showing will highlight the regular meeting of Colquitz Junior High School PTA, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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A get-acquainted social for new members and staff will be held following the business meeting of Langford PTA Monday at 8 p.m.

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A band concert and gymnasium display by students will be held at a general meeting of S. J. Willis PTA, Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.

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Parents will go back to classrooms at a meeting of Macaulay PTA in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

School teachers will present a program on the teaching of arithmetic.

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A meeting of the parents' auditorium will be held in Room 17 of Oak Bay Senior High School at 8 p.m. Tuesday. All parents are cordially invited to attend.

Student leaders will outline their activities in the school.

Annual spring tea will be held March 18.

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Security to Surround Makarios in London

LONDON (Reuters)—A 24-hour security guard will surround exiled Cyprus Archbishop Makarios when he arrives tonight for talks that will settle the future of the troubled island colony.

The Greek Orthodox churchman, leader of 400,000 Greek Cypriots, was banished from Cyprus in 1956, after Britain said he was implicated in terrorism on the island. He said last night he was neither "optimistic nor pessimistic" about the conference.

The conference, starting Tuesday, among Britain, Greece and Turkey—with Makarios and Fadhil Kutchuk representing Greek and Turkish Cypriots respectively, probably will agree that Cyprus will be an independent nation within the Commonwealth.

Britain will maintain enclaves for bases and Greece and Turkey will have troops on the island under joint command. Cypriots will have one legislative and two communal assemblies.

About 5,000 Cypriots are expected to arrive at London airport to meet Makarios. But because police "half expect trouble," arrangements have been made to prevent any demonstrations. Police will seal off the airport.

Decision to invite Makarios follows Britain's virtual acceptance of a plan worked out by Greek and Turkish leaders.

The plan effectively ends the basic demands which led to loggerheads in the past—Greek insistence on union of Cyprus with Greece, and Turkish demands for partition.

Makarios is expected to become first president of the island with Kutchuk as vice-president.

Icy Wind Reprieve To Village

HERBIGGEN, Switzerland (AP)—A cold wind swept across the Alps Saturday, saving this doomed village for another day and possibly several more.

The 18-degree temperature helped solidify the mass of ice, rocks and earth hanging over Herbiggen. Estimated at more than 1,000,000 tons, it is perched on a 3,000-foot precipice directly over the village.

Almost all the 250 villagers have fled to nearby towns with most of their personal belongings. The last handful remaining behind went to mass and prayed for a miracle to save their homes.

They gathered in the deserted schoolhouse with Rev. Emil Schmid, the village's Roman Catholic priest who insists on remaining as long as any of his flock stays.

Anti-IWA Move Rapped

VANCOUVER (CP)—Arthur Laing, British Columbia Liberal leader, yesterday accused Newfoundland's Liberal Premier Joseph Smallwood of ignoring party principles on labor matters.

He said the premier's intervention in a strike of 1,200 Newfoundland members of the International Woodworkers of America was improper.

Mr. Laing's statement was made in connection with an address by Premier Smallwood Thursday in which he urged loggers to get rid of the IWA in Newfoundland.

Meanwhile, the 30,000-member B.C. local of the IWA announced it will be seeking a 20-per-cent wage increase across the board in negotiations this year with coast lumber operators.

The union's annual district convention closed Saturday with approval by delegates of contract demands.

Control Possible In Dulles Cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Dulles has a type of cancer which is highly malignant, doctors said yesterday, but one which can be controlled for several years.

In many such cases the patient can return to full or limited occupations.

Private physicians gave this appraisal in interpreting the medical bulletin issued by the surgeons who operated on Dulles for hernia Friday. They reported he will undergo radiation therapy for cancer.

The physicians said the medical bulletin indicates that the cancerous tissue found yesterday represents a spread from the original colon cancer for which Dulles underwent an operation in 1956.

The present diagnosis in Dulles' case is that he has an "adenocarcinoma." This is a glandular cancer.

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